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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Repairs to tanks have been and are being carried out whenever found necessary.

" (b) The amount spent from the year 1951–52 to the end of June 1955 is about Rs. 15,840."

Minor irrigation tanks in South Arcot district

* 2097 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Revenue department tanks taken up for repairs in South Arcot district under the Food Production Scheme in 1953–54;

(b) how many of them have already been repaired; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure incurred on such repairs in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) 39.

" (b) Four have been *completed* : all the rest are in various stages of execution.

" (c) Rs. 1·10 lakhs."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Food Production department has been doing useful work in this State and if so, will the Government extend the life of the department for some more years? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" 1953–54 is the first year of this activity under the Special Minor Irrigation department. The department was temporarily suspended after partition. So, there was some delay in execution. Hereafter, it will have a fresh tempo and works will be speedily taken up."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, it is a matter of common knowledge that there is difference in the maintenance of minor irrigation tanks and Public Works tanks. So far as South Arcot district is concerned, Public Works tanks are kept in good repair from year to year whereas several of the minor irrigation tanks are allowed to fall into disrepair. Will the Government come forward to take steps to see that several of the minor irrigation tanks which are in disrepair are properly attended to? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" This question does not refer to the ordinary Minor Irrigation department. This is a special department which was specially formed in order to carry out these works. So, if the hon. Member has got any grievance about the other department, he may put a separate question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that the Salaputhur tank in Nallanpillaipethal village has not been taken up by the Food Production department, and if so, will the Government see that it is also included immediately? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I remember that the particular question was answered sometime back."

Pumpsets on either side of the river Kodathalaiyar

* 2098 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that certain big landlords are using about 30 pumpsets on either side of the Kodathalaiyar river between Karnadai bridge and Seemavaram anicut in the Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district;

(*b*) whether any report was received that other ryots are suffering on account of the working of the above pumpsets in the river banks and for want of supply of water in the river; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) In March 1954, some unauthorized pumpsets were installed below the Seemavaram anicut."

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) All the pumpsets have since been removed."

SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" சிறு ஏழை விவசாயிகளை நசுக்குவதற்காகவே பெரிய மிராசுதார்கள் குடத்தலை ஆற்றில் பம்புகளைப் போட்டு தண்ணீரை வடித்துவிடுவதால் சிறு விவசாயிகள் பயிரிட முடிவதில்லை. ஆகவே, பம்பு செட்டுகளை மிராசுதார்கள் உடனடியாக அப்புறப்படுத்தும்படி சர்க்கார் உத்தரவிடுவார்களா ? பம்பு செட்டுகள் அப்புறப்படுத்தப் படாவிட்டால் மிராசுதார்களுக்கும் சிறு விவசாயிகளுக்கும் கலகம் ஏற்படும் என்பதை சர்க்கார் அறிவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" பம்பு செட்டுகளையெல்லாம் எடுத்தாய்விட்டன."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, now that the pumpsets have 9-20 a.m.
been removed the nuisance has abated. But did the Government take any disciplinary action or any action against those who installed the pumpsets? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no question of disciplinary action. They were asked to remove the pumpets and they have removed them. That is all."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, if the big landlords violate the rule of law and thus exploit water from these river channels, is it not the duty of the Government to inflict some punishment on such of those people who violate the rule of law? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" They installed pumpets. They were served with eviction notices. They have since removed the pumpets."